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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 8295
Gary K. Michelson	)	
Serial No.: 09/921,844	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: August 3, 2001	)	Examiner: Bruce E. Snow
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE	)	
CONFIGURATION	)	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the further examination and in reply to the Final Office Action of December 15, 2008, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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